

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-12. *(Canceled)*

13. *(Previously Presented)* An apparatus for securing a telephone having a housing and a contact mechanism, the housing being elongate with a width, thickness, and length, the apparatus comprising:

a holder for the telephone; and

a mating contact unit for engaging the contact mechanism of the telephone, said mating contact unit being pivotable through a pivot angle and longitudinally displaceable in the holder such that the holder accommodates and secures at least part of the housing of the telephone in an operating position.

14. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said mating contact unit includes a longitudinal slide mounted within the holder.

15. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said holder is adapted to accommodate at least one of different telephone housing widths and different telephone housing thicknesses.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said mating ~~contact~~ contact unit is pivotable into a first position approximately 45° to 135° relative to a plane parallel to the holder, the first position being an accommodating/discharge position.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said mating contact unit is adapted to be moved from the first position into the operating position by

- a) a pivoting movement,
 - b) at least one of subsequent pivoting movement and a subsequent sliding movement,
- and
- c) a rearward sliding movement.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said mating contact unit comprises a body and means for establishing a connection with the telephone arranged on the body perpendicular to an axis of rotation of the body.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a spring mechanism arranged at least partially in said holder for urging the mating contact unit in the first position by counteracting at least one of a rotary and a sliding movement of the mating contact unit.

20. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a brake for at least partially damping movement of said mating contact unit.

21. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a restraining element for engaging an end of the housing opposite the contact mechanism when the mating contact unit is in the operating position.

22. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising at least one level compensating element arranged on the holder for engagement with a rear side of the telephone when telephone is engaged with said mating contact unit in the operating position.

23. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising an ejector mechanism arranged on said holder, said ejector mechanism being maintained in a prestressed position by the telephone when the telephone is engaged with said mating contact unit in the operating position.

24. *(Previously Presented)* The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said mating contact unit has a flattened portion and means for establishing a connection with the telephone floatingly mounted on the mating contact unit relative a plane parallel to the flattened portion.